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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTHENTICATED NETWORK ADDRESS ALLOCATION

A method, apparatus, and computer instructions for providing addresses to clients. A request is received from a client for an address. A determination is made as to whether authentication information is present in the request. A verification process is performed using the authentication information if the authentication information is presenting the request. A determination is made as to whether the authentication information is authenticated. A privileged address is provided to the client in response to the authentication information being authenticated.